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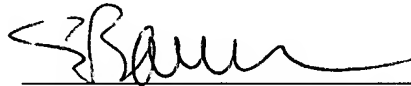
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination on the merits, kindly amend
the subject application as follows:

Applicants request a prompt and favorable examination of the subject application, based on the claims remaining in prosecution.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (860) 571-5001 or by facsimile at (860) 571-5028. All correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Bauman', written over a horizontal line.

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